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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1945, 1946 and 1947 /1

	Margarine and butterine /2	Fresh fruits & vegetables /3	Meats /5	Butter /3	Cheese /3	Eggs /3	Poultry dressed /3	Canned milk /3	Canned food stuffs /6	Total
Estimated cars, April 1947	20,600	86,204	29,476	1,820	1,722	4,021	1,680	6,532	35,940	188,217
Number cars shipped April 1946	18,655	90,073	23,047	1,399	1,701	4,233	1,768	6,665	34,106	181,915
Percentage increase or decrease	10.4	-4.3	27.9	30.1	1.2	-5.0	-5.0	-2.0	5.4	3.5
Estimated cars, May 1947	19,555	79,480	26,745	1,579	1,440	4,051	1,333	6,574	31,950	173,007
Number cars shipped May 1946	17,085	86,363	20,911	1,263	1,431	4,011	1,418	6,567	30,050	169,413
Percentage increase or decrease	14.5	-8.0	27.9	25.0	0.6	1.0	-6.0	0.1	6.3	2.1
Estimated cars, June 1947	19,796	84,147	29,522	1,836	1,696	3,831	1,401	7,670	36,040	186,157
Number cars shipped June 1946	17,214	90,065	18,402	1,463	1,605	3,666	1,467	7,670	33,968	175,750
Percentage increase or decrease	15.0	-6.6	60.4	25.5	5.7	4.5	-4.5	0.0	6.1	5.9
Estimated cars, July 1946	19,349	85,909	39,760	2,556	1,867	4,591	2,147	7,593	34,684	198,883
Estimated cars, July 1945	20,625	79,334	32,357	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	8,809	32,876	186,822
Percentage increase or decrease	-6.2	8.3	22.9	-18.5	-12.5	-8.4	0.0	-13.8	5.5	6.5
Estimated cars, August 1946	20,923	73,416	31,258	2,386	2,118	4,282	2,423	6,479	35,660	179,467
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	72,308	31,449	2,763	2,540	4,649	2,347	7,354	33,484	179,427
Percentage increase or decrease	-4.8	1.5	-0.6	-13.6	-16.6	-7.9	3.2	-11.9	6.5	0.0
Estimated cars, September 1946	22,989	80,427	19,508	1,967	2,054	3,664	2,700	5,475	39,841	179,005
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492	87,876	29,247	1,880	2,542	3,843	2,635	5,824	36,186	191,905
Percentage increase or decrease	7.0	-8.5	-33.3	4.6	-19.2	-4.7	2.5	-6.0	10.1	-6.7
Estimated cars, October 1946	23,426	93,639	27,710	1,785	1,917	4,303	3,747	4,398	43,953	205,519
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334	100,741	30,201	1,635	1,860	3,485	3,569	4,664	42,952	214,031
Percentage increase or decrease	-3.7	-7.0	-8.2	9.2	3.1	23.5	5.0	-5.7	2.3	-4.0

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	Beverages /2_	Margarine and butterine /2_	Fresh fruits & vegetables /2_	Meats /5_	Butter /3_	Cheese /3_	Eggs /3_	Poultry dressed /3_	Canned milk /3_	Canned food stuffs /6_	Total
Estimated cars, November 1946	22,206	424	73,443	34,939	1,774	1,542	3,959	5,182	4,175	46,576	194,211
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	81,735	35,668	1,695	1,846	3,165	4,959	4,474	44,200	201,232
Percentage increase or decrease	-3.8	8.7	-10.1	-2.0	4.7	-16.5	25.1	4.5	-6.7	5.4	-3.5
Estimated cars, December 1946	22,617	410	71,922	32,791	1,808	1,292	2,923	4,856	4,468	41,381	184,468
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	74,613	35,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,411	40,570	189,896
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	8.8	-3.6	-7.2	11.4	-21.4	9.5	0.2	1.3	2.0	-2.9
Estimated cars, January 1947	20,801	331	77,185	34,685	2,158	2,282	2,830	2,678	4,972	38,352	186,274
Number cars shipped, January 1946	21,221	343	83,916	28,758	1,542	1,819	3,011	2,880	4,721	37,600	185,811
Percentage increase or decrease	-2.0	-3.5	-8.0	20.6	39.9	25.4	-6.0	-7.0	-5.3	2.0	0.2
Estimated cars, February 1947	19,815	347	68,523	29,088	1,822	1,902	2,601	1,506	4,281	36,702	166,933
Number cars shipped February 1946	20,858	274	73,924	28,171	1,294	1,520	2,738	1,585	4,391	35,473	170,228
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	26.6	-7.3	3.3	40.8	25.1	-5.0	-5.0	-2.5	3.5	-1.9
Estimated cars, March 1947	20,479	339	78,616	31,595	1,698	2,340	3,222	1,345	5,193	35,139	179,966
Number cars shipped March 1946	28,330	334	86,150	27,758	1,209	1,658	3,464	1,416	5,299	34,116	181,734
Percentage increase or decrease	0.7	1.5	-8.7	13.8	40.4	41.1	-7.0	-5.0	-2.0	3.0	-1.0

/1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

/2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for the first 6 months of 1946.

/3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in the first 6 months of 1946.

/4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. March, April, May and June 1947 are estimates; all other figures are actual shipments. Approximately 1.5% of all fresh fruits and vegetables are frozen; frozen foods and watermelons not included in these shipments. For the first 6 months of 1946, this figure is the sum of ICC classification 210, 220 and 222 carloads originated less canned meats. Six months of 1945, 6 months of 1946, and January through June 1947 are estimates on the same basis.

/5 The first 6 months of 1946 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. Six months of 1945, 6 months of 1946 and January through June 1947 are estimates of the same movement.

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